

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3864 - HB 3697

March 2, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a new Class E felony offense to knowingly allow a minor to be present during any animal fighting.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$20,600/Incarceration*

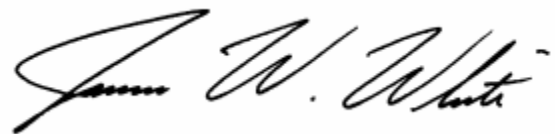
Assumptions:

- Three offenders will be convicted of allowing a minor to be present at an animal fight and will serve 0.3 years (109.58 days).
- According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2008 is \$62.78. The cost per inmate at 0.3 years is \$6,879.43 (\$62.78 x 109.58 days). The additional operating cost for three offenders is \$20,638.29 (\$6,879.43 x 3).
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, population growth in Tennessee has been 1.09 percent per year for the past 10 years, yielding a projected compound population growth of 13.6 percent over the next 10 years. No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.

**Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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